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SUBJ: EXPERTS REPORT ON INDIAN OCEAN: ETHIOPIAN RESPONSE

REF: USUN 2224; STATE 107963

1. ETHIOPIAN MOFA IS PREPARING WRITTEN OBJECTION TO EXPERT REPORT AND HAVE REQUESTED OUR AID AND CONCURRENCE IN PREPARING THEIR REBUTTAL. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WANT TO KNOW NUMBER OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AT KAGNEW (PARA 32) AND THEY PLAN TO REFUTE ALLEGATION OF US NAVAL FACILITIES AT MASSAWA (PARA 41).

2. WE PROPOSE TO GOVE THE MOFA THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:
(PARA 32) - THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE AMERICAN MILITARY COMMUNICATION BASE (THE KAGNEW STATION) CLOSE TO ASMARA, ETHIOPIA IN USE SINCE 1942, WHEN IT WAS OPERATED JOINTLY WITH THE BRITISH. KAGNEW STATION IS A RELAY AND SATELLITE TRACKING STATION. AS ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER 1973, - PHASE-DOWN HAS TAKEN PLACE; AND AFTER JULY 1, 1974, ELEVEN AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND APPROXIMATELY 100 AMERICAN CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN AT KAGNEW.

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(PARA 41).

THE ASMARA COMMUNICATIONS STATION IN ETHIOPIA IS SERVED BY THE RED SEA PORT OF MASSAWA, WHICH PROVIDES PORT FACILITIES FOR US NAVY AND COMMERICAL VESSELS ON THE SAME BASIS AS IT DOES FOR OTHER NATIONS' VESSELS.

3. SINCE MOFA CLAIMS SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED URGENT, WE REQUEST EARLIEST POSSIBLY REPLY.

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